

# The Snyder Signal

TWENTY-NINTH YEAR

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## ACTIVITIES OF THE SNYDER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### VISIBLE RESULTS OF ORGANIZATION

MANY ESSENTIAL THINGS ACCOMPLISHED BY ORGANIZED BUSINESS MEN

### PROPOSE TO ORGANIZE COUNTY

Commissioners Court to Cooperate With the Effort for Destroying Pests.

Snyder Chamber of Commerce has through strenuous effort of a few local business men, accomplished many essential things for Snyder during the past few months, which, when properly considered, must receive the approval of every individual in this section.

Attention of Signal readers is called to some of the main features of the work during the past three months, such as:

Hanmodeling business house buildings, establishing a uniform style about the square.

The erection of a first-class cotton compress in Snyder, which has been a source of considerable convenience and saving to our citizens.

Have under advisement the establishment of a grain elevator in Snyder, also a planing mill.

Entertained Col. Potter and associates who recently made the trip over the Southern National Highway, which has made Snyder famous by being located on this important route.

Re-establishing an up-town office of the Western Union Telegraph company. This required considerable correspondence with the head office of that institution, necessitating a great deal of time.

The publication of a full advertising circular and distributing same outside the immediate vicinity with a view of broadening the trade territories of Snyder. The effect was pleasing to all who participated.

Petitioning the Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Company to install a common battery system in Snyder. This important undertaking was accomplished and the company hopes to have same in operation early in the spring.

The erection of awning lights and lamp posts on the corners of the public square, which is admitted to be a splendid move as a well lighted city is an attractive advertisement to any town.

Securing the services of a government expert to come to Sulliv County and create plans by which prairie dogs can be eliminated, following which the Chamber of Commerce officially appealed to the Commissioners' Court to co-operate by purchasing the ingredients for the carrying on of the work by local application.

Originating the plan of the splendid get-together banquet, which took place January 6. The effect of this undertaking is admitted by all as being a most enterprising method of getting the business men of Sulliv County face to face with each other, where Hemphill, Pinansas, Dunn, Ira and other localities in the county were represented by influential men and good fellowship prevailed, following a very prosperous business year.

There are many other important matters in store for the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, and if you want to be recognized as a progressive citizen and take an active part in the forward movement of 1916, be ready at all times to attend the meetings and take care of your interests.

Remember a call is issued for all commercial citizens to meet at the court house this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

### START CAMPAIGN OF DESTRUCTION AGAINST PESTS

Death of the prairie dog and all other pest is the slogan for the Sulliv County farmer and land owner. During the next month the cattle will be haged and it is hoped that with the unanimous co-operation of all interested parties there will not be a live prairie dog in the county by the end of February. Is this possible? There is no question about it if the people will do their duty. Demonstrations in using poison have been made over the county and poisoning associations formed. The county Commissioners have decided to supply the poison at cost and cooperating with the Snyder Chamber of Commerce will distribute the poison over the county and demonstrate under expert supervision the mixing. With this help there should be no hesitation and everybody should join in the effort to rid the farm and ranch of a pest that is costing the county at least \$50,000.00 a year.

Plans are being completed for the poisoning campaign and further details announcement will be made next week, but in the meantime everyone desiring poison should communicate with Wm. Pease, or me at the Signal office, giving their acreage in dogs, ascertain the quantity of poison necessary, and order the same, which will be supplied at cost.

The following are the directions for poisoning pocket gophers, jack rabbits, and prairie dogs, as used by the United States Department of Agriculture.

#### Directions for Destroying Pocket Gophers.

Pocket gophers are readily caught in several kinds of special traps especially on the market, and a few of them suffice to keep small acreages free of these pests. For ridding farms, fields, orchards, and long stretches of ditch embankments of them, a very successful and more practical method is to poison them by placing bait of sweet potato or of carrots in their underground runways.

The baits should be cut about 6 inches long and a half inch square, and washed and drained. From a teaspoon slowly sift 1-1/2 ounce of powdered strichlorine (calcium) and 1-1/2 of this quantity a saccharine (around to 1/2) in a mortar, over about four quarts of the dampened bait, stirring to distribute the poison evenly.

The runways, which are usually 4 to 6 inches beneath the surface, can be located by means of a probe made of any strong handle an inch in diameter and 26 inches long. One end should be bluntly pointed. Into the other should be fitted a piece of 2-1/2 inch iron rod, protruding about 12 inches, and bluntly pointed. A foot rest aids in probing in hard soils.

By forcing down this iron rod near gopher workings, or a foot or two back of fresh mounds, the open tunnel can be felt as the point breaks into it. The blunt end of the instrument is now used to carefully enlarge the hole, a hair or two is dropped into the run and the probe withdrawn.

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JOHN LIND

President Wilson's Representative who reported on Mexican affairs

### PROCEEDINGS IN COUNTY COURT FOR THE WEEK

M. F. Cornelius vs. W. H. Hardin, suit on note, continued by agreement.

E. R. Barnes vs. J. B. Hamilton, suit on note, continued by plaintiff.

E. P. Nease vs. J. M. Stephens et al., set for Tuesday second week.

C. W. Harrison vs. H. W. Nelson, suit on note, set for Tuesday second week.

W. W. Ditts vs. W. W. Whitehead, suit for debt, set for Wednesday second week.

Martin Wood vs. Leslie Kerney, set for Thursday second week.

R. N. Dawson vs. O. F. Bennett, suit for damages, set for Friday second week.

W. A. Fuller vs. P. & E. H. Davis, suit for damages, dismissed.

In the Criminal department there were more than a dozen cases concerning various local citizens dismissed.

J. H. Esary (deft) under \$50, set for Jan. 17.

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Ges Smith, disturbing the peace, possible to 2nd week.

Manuel Bagland, gambling, fined \$10.

Jim Wooten, aggravated assault, dismissed.

John Wooten, carrying pistol, dismissed.

R. D. English, unlawfully practicing medicine, set for trial Friday first week.

**Marriage at Dr.**

Last Thursday afternoon, Jan. 6, at 1:30, Mr. L. G. Austin and Miss Leila Evans were united in marriage.

This young couple will live in Ira and Mr. Austin will continue to manage the drug store here.

The writer again congratulates this bride and groom, and predicts much success and happiness for them in the future, as they are both very promising, and have many friends.

Contributed.

**Cecil Warren Dies At Maxwell**

Cecil Warren aged 16 years died Monday night at the Maxwell hotel as the remains were taken away Tuesday evening for burial in Ira.

The boy's father, Mr. W. H. Warren recently took charge of the Maxwell house and his children came Sunday from Lancaster to join him here. Cecil was taken sick on the way here Sunday and died Tuesday night. This was a deeply sad circumstance and the people of Snyder feel a deep sympathy for the stricken family.

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### COURT DECLARES WAR ON THE DOGS

COUNTY JUDGE INSTRUCTED TO PURCHASE THE NECESARY SABY POISON.

### TRANSACT ROUTINE BUSINESS

Commissioners' in Regular Monthly Session With Full Board Present.

The Commissioners' Court was in regular monthly session Monday and part of Tuesday with a full court present.

An order was passed to return to Mrs. A. C. Holland \$15.50 advanced on account of losses paid in 1915 and 1916.

D. A. Jones reported loss of Warrent No. 1408, inc. \$15, and a sufficient warrant was allowed in him.

A petition of T. L. Thompson et al. for a 1st class road was rejected.

The court went into the matter of the campaign now on in the county for the destruction of prairie dogs and the county judge was authorized to purchase not to exceed \$1000 dollars of glycerine to be furnished to owners of lands in the county that are infested with prairie dogs to be used for destroying such dogs. The strichlorine to be turned over to the persons selected by the Chamber of Commerce for distribution to citizens within this county at actual cost, plus not exceeding ten cents an acre to pay for distribution upon execution of a good and sufficient bond payable to the county treasurer as a guarantee for the reimbursement to the county for all funds invested by the county in such strichlorine.

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